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Our thanks to Jill Dudman, the 15 year-old daughter of Adrian Dudman (North East Region), for the verses on page three and to Cheryl Wood (South East Region) for the design in which the verses are set.



Toc H seeks to create friendship and understanding among people of all backgrounds and beliefs. Local group activities range from holidays for the handicapped and children's playschemes to arts festivals and even bird-watching. Toc H is short for Talbot House: the soldiers' club in Belgium founded by the Reverend 'Tubby' Clayton in 1915. Today Toc H provides opportunities for people to test the relevance of practical Christianity and we welcome anyone who would like to give us a try.

VIEWPOINT

The Church has a dreadful problem of communication. Well, haven't we all? But it is obvious that the pulpit is not particularly the best medium for the Christian message. For a start it doesn't reach those to whom the Church is too remote.

One of the most effective interpretations of the Gospel I have seen was an Easter pageant last year through the streets of Stepney. I felt very shy of anything overtly sentimental or evangelical, was rather sceptical of what this would be like and, to my regret, did not take anyone with me. It was a big mistake.

The Way of the Cross, as it was called, was a vivid, colourful pageant depicting Christ's arrest, trial, crucifixion and resurrection. Eleven scenes were enacted in mime, while a narrator gave a brief introduction and the Bishop of Stepney simply expressed the meaning of the incident and its modern significance. Incidental music set the tone: saxophones for the mocking of Christ, a wind band and guitars elsewhere, a choir in church.

The route was some four miles. Stepney offers marvellous natural theatres with its many squares surrounded by blocks of flats and balconies. I remember particularly the pomp and circumstance of the trial, with Pilate up on a balcony and a 20 foot purple backcloth stamped with a Roman eagle strung up behind. Every scene was floodlit and torchlit, as this was after dark.

The fact that *The Way of the Cross* held a crowd of two thousand for three hours in pouring rain speaks highly enough. These were ordinary Stepney citizens, not necessarily church people. There were kids pushing ahead on bikes, babes in prams and others just watching from their windows.

Jeremy Davies, the director, and former curate at St Dunstan's, explains: 'That's just how it would have been. The crucifixion was a public execution. It would have drawn a crowd.'

'I wanted to make the Christian Gospel come alive. The essence of religion is not in "being religious"; it is to be found in the depths of human experience... The Church has made itself so exclusive. We need to find new ways of expressing the faith, other than thinking and discussing. *The Way of the Cross* relates the faith to so many other things, on practical, philosophical and theological levels.'

'It is also able to tap local cultural

Members accept a four-fold commitment:

1. To build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man.
2. To give personal service.
3. To find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others.

traditions. In Stepney, with the rag trade, people are good at making things. With their tradition of street parties they are used to crowds and colourful spectacles.'

There was a clear missionary objective in all this. Jeremy elaborates: 'Christianity is increasingly being confined to the shrine. There is no placarding of the faith beyond the walls of the shrine. *The Way of the Cross* took the Gospel into the streets. That was important for the faith; it was also important for the Christians, as a corrective to their holy huddles.'

'In inner city areas there is often a lack of community – and a lack of the Church being involved in the community. The rector, Norry McCurry, particularly wanted to bring the parish together and we wanted to do something which would involve everyone in its conception, preparation and execution, something which the church and the community would recognise as their own.'

So the soldiers' spears were made by a local school, and joiner; the banners were designed by an art teacher and painted by her pupils; the costumes were sewn at a rectory workshop every Thursday night from New Year to Easter. The cast were locals, known personally to Jeremy, chosen for 'their face, stature, and standing in the congregation. Christ was played by a local jeweller.

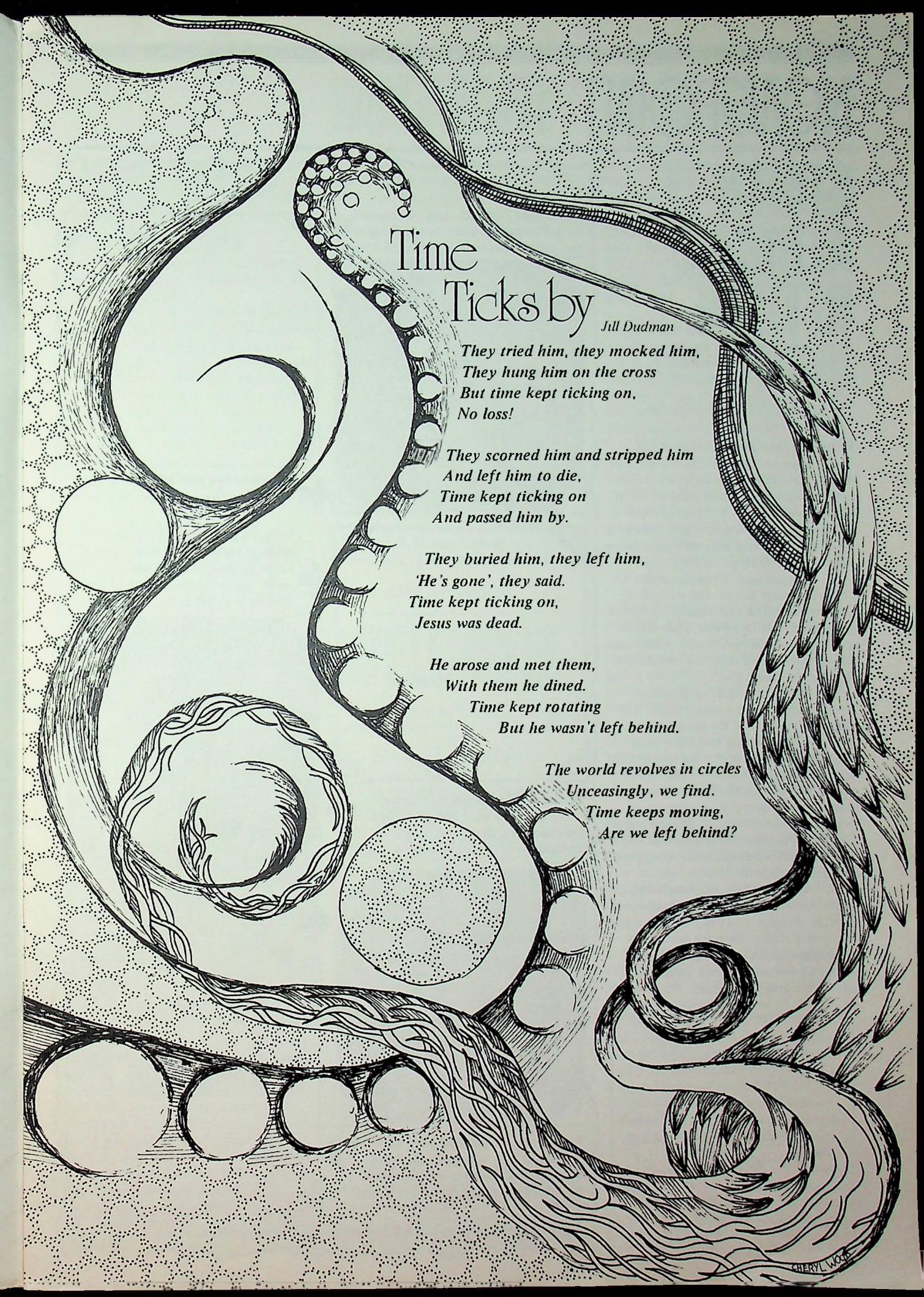
Above all, for me, *The Way of the Cross* made the events of Easter real. This wasn't something to discuss on a Lenten course. I was confronted by a man, suffering, shivering, stumbling under the weight of a cross; a mother who could do nothing to save her son. I had known, of course, that it must have been real, but it hadn't *felt* real before. A nun from the area commented: 'I had felt that in my thinking about the Passion I ought to be, as it were, "religious". But I wasn't – I found myself back-chatting with the Roman Guard. And this is the sort of thing which is happening in life – the Cross and Resurrection is happening underneath, all the time, and you don't notice it.'

If the drama is as excellent as it was last year, it will be well worth taking part in *The Way of the Cross*. It's on Wednesday 6 April, starting at 7pm in Old St Pancras churchyard, finishing about 10pm at St Mary Magdalene, Munster Square.

S McW

4. To work for the building of that better world which has been called the Kingdom of God.

This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points: to think fairly.



Time Ticks by

Jill Dudman

*They tried him, they mocked him,
They hung him on the cross
But time kept ticking on,
No loss!*

*They scorned him and stripped him
And left him to die,
Time kept ticking on
And passed him by.*

*They buried him, they left him,
'He's gone', they said.
Time kept ticking on,
Jesus was dead.*

*He arose and met them,
With them he dined.
Time kept rotating
But he wasn't left behind.*

*The world revolves in circles
Unceasingly, we find.
Time keeps moving,
Are we left behind?*

NEWSPOINT

SOUTH AFRICAN RETURN VISIT

30 April
— 26 May 1978

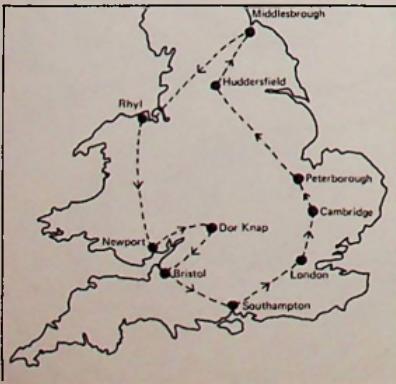
From Greta Lynn, International
Secretary

Following the successful visit of the Toc H team to South Africa last summer, we are now looking forward to a return visit by a group of South African Toc H members during 1978. They will have a full four weeks in England and some may stay for a few extra days, to enable them to visit The Old House in Poperinge.

The group will number about 12 and will consist of men and women of varying age, black and white, from different parts of South Africa. They will be travelling around the country in two minibuses, with two or three UK members to accompany them.

In South Africa, each Area of Toc H undertook the responsibility for planning its share of the detailed programme, and Regions here have been asked to help prepare for the return visit in a similar way. We hope that, during their time with us, the South African members will have the opportunity of learning about our way of life and about Toc H in this country. The accent will be less on sightseeing than on meeting people and sharing experiences.

Unfortunately, it is impossible to cover the whole country in the time available, so we hope you will not be too disappointed if their itinerary does not include your district. If it does, then we know we can rely on your support to make their stay worthwhile.



A photographic record of Ross-on-Wye Group, Herefordshire, which celebrates its first anniversary this month.

We climbed May Hill early on August Bank Holiday Monday, to see the sunrise, but all we saw was thick, thick fog!

We celebrated Bonfire Night but the bonfire was very reluctant to join in!

We ran a playscheme in January for 40 local children, and one day took them up the Church Tower to see the view. We arrived at the top to meet a blizzard in full spate.

We organised a motorized treasure-hunt. But we forgot the clocks had gone back and that clues, visible by daylight, were totally invisible at night!

Four of us competed in a 20-mile night hike organised by the local Outward Bound organisation. Toc H came second (but only four groups competed!)

We performed a Nativity play with patients in a local hospital for sub-normals, and entertained the geriatric wards. This is a close-up of one of the angels!

If anyone knows of a good photographer living near Ross, please

OBITUARY

IN BRIEF...

TOC H NEEDS SCOTLAND

Strathclyde District of Toc H will host the Scottish Regional Conference on 22-23 October this year.

The event will be held in the well appointed Skelmorlie Hydro Hotel, North Ayrshire, which has a superb situation overlooking the Firth of Clyde. The management have quoted a very keen price and it is hoped members will budget for this important Autumn attraction.

The conference theme will be 'Toc H needs Scotland'. It will be a call to branches, Districts, Regions and the Movement generally to make a renewed effort to project Toc H. It will be an exercise aimed at producing ideas for the future but also practical plans for right now and hopefully it will rock the boat sufficiently to get the Movement moving out of the doldrums of anonymity.

It is intended to provide a platform for speakers from branches with propositions for extensions or new ideas for Toc H. It is hoped that the end result will produce immediate activity in the Region towards increasing the strength of the Movement and several resolutions which will go to next Central Council.

The conference procedure may be reversed this time as members could be making the speeches and the staff summing up.

More information can be had from Jim Carnduff, 85 Innes Park Road, Skelmorlie, Ayrshire. Tel: 0475 521067.



A dozen young Darlington mercenaries fought for 60 hours to control the world - and made £60 for the Darlington Toc H fund for needy children. The soldiers, including Kevin Ludgate, Paul Gardiner, and Martin Clarke (above), all pupils of Branksome Comprehensive School, were playing a sponsored marathon wargame, 'Risk'.

We regret to announce the death of the following members:

In November: Doris A Argent (Glastonbury and Street), A E 'Eddie' Frost (Bakewell), Sydney Winstone (Biggleswade)

In December: Rosa M Brewer (Wimborne), George R Day (Wessex District), Enoch W Evans (South Staffs and Wulfrun District), Lawrence Huckle (Biggleswade)

In January: L Mary Batty (Reading), Dorothy Bellamy (Rye), Mary A Cooper (Rawmarsh), Alfred N Farley (St Thomas, Exeter), Edward E N Farmer (Southdown District), Albert E Geeson (Deal & Walmer), Archibald F C Green (Wellingborough), Stanley G Kemp (Parkhurst), William A Law (Hythe), Anne Roberts (Hayle), Iris Scanlan (Bitterne), Clarence J Seccombe (Looe), Walter D Turnbull (Jedburgh), Frank W Viney (Norwich)

In February: Sydney G A 'Alf' Hatch (Plymouth), William T Meopham (Highams Park), William A Moxhay (Eynsford)

We give thanks for their lives.

WELCOME

The following branches elected new members during February:

- 5 - Skelmersdale (j) Group
- 4 - Colwyn Bay (m)
- 3 - Barrow-on-Humber (j), Bramley (j), Liverpool (Central) (j) Group, Walsall (m)
- 2 - Ayr, Brighton (w), Sale (j), Sanderstead (m), Wimborne (j)
- 1 - Ashby-de-la-Zouch (w), Ayresome (j) Group, Broadway (m), Carisbrooke (w), Cleveland District Branch, Conway District, Durdham Down (m), Hartley Wintney (w), Hayle (w), Kendal (j), Kennington (London) (m), Kettering (m), Largs (m), Milford-on-Sea (j), Rushden (Afternoon) (w), Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay (j), Somerton (j), South East Herts District, Springfield District, Wellingborough (m), Whetstone & Finchley (m)

A warm welcome to 52 new members.

LAST CALL FOR DIAMO MARINA

Out of season holiday, 12 days in late September on Italian Riviera. Price approx £99. Apply promptly: Elizabeth Bacon, 24 Purbeck Heights, Mount Rd, Poole, Dorset.

In January, the Studdert Kennedy Day Centre for the mentally handicapped was opened in Worcester. At the suggestion of the Worcester Toc H secretary, John Clifford Cooper, the centre took its name from a former vicar of the parish - the famous 'Woodbine Willie' who was Tubby's close friend and associate in World War I.

Some 130 senior citizens were entertained recently to tea followed by a concert at the Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Community Centre in Scotland. Members have been busy selling Toc H calendars, which show a picture of a local beauty spot and give information on local trades and professions.

Congratulations to Jimmy Newby, secretary of Market Rasen Branch, Lincs, on his Gold Badge of the British Legion, recently awarded for long and meritorious service. Jimmy has also been elected Chairman of the Lincs county branch of the Legion.

East Barnet Branch, with only three members, have raised enough money with the help of some volunteers, to give a monthly party for the housebound. They held a successful 'bring and buy' bookstall which they now intend to make a regular fundraising event.

Colwyn Bay Branch in North Wales held a Rededication Service in January to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Guest preacher was HQ Padre, John Hull.

Many congratulations to Tunbridge Wells Central Councillor Gladys Funnel and District Treasurer Syd Treiving, who were married recently at St John's Church in Tunbridge Wells. Both are long-standing Toc H members. All good wishes to the happy couple.

Chippenham Lions Club have presented Toc H member Reg Coates with a most generous gift - a High Speed Woollensac cassette copier worth about £1,000. It is for Reg's use in running the 'Chippenham and District Tapes for the Handicapped' - a service which provides the housebound with a selection of tape recordings. Reg has just issued a recording of Tubby, made in 1963 at Calne town hall. If anyone would like to borrow it, contact Reg at 27 Sadler's Mead, Chippenham, Wilts.

Reg Coates has also made a 20-minute film on the work of the tape service, and would be willing to show this to interested organisations. He is already winning some keen financial support.

INTRODUCING FRANK RICE

The New Editor of POINT THREE

A warm welcome to Frank Rice who is taking over the editorship this month, to produce his first issue for June. In due course Frank will also assume responsibility for the Public Relations Department, as Huw Gibbs moves to the North Wales and North West Region later in the year.

Frank has been a member of the North Wales and North West Regional staff for exactly two years, coming to Toc H after 27 years in the Education Branch of the RAF. Before that, he had served briefly in the Army and had taught in a wide variety of schools and colleges.

A varied and active RAF career culminated in Frank's last and most interesting appointment as Command Education Officer, Near East. Based in Cyprus, his responsibility for RAF further education

and continuation training extended from Gibraltar to Hong Kong. In Cyprus itself, he also directed the education of all 6,000 Service children, administered the publicly funded youth service and set up and ran for three years the Cyprus Open University scheme — the OU's first venture outside the UK.

We have just heard that the Open University has publicly recognised this work by awarding Frank the singular distinction of an Open University honorary degree. The citation reads 'for services to the University'. Many congratulations to Frank on this honour.

When asked what are his plans for *Point Three*, Frank replies: 'to keep my head above water!', and adds kindly, 'to maintain the standard which the magazine

has reached'.

'More than ever' Frank says 'I shall be depending on everybody in the Movement to let me know what they think about *Point Three*, and to give me news and ideas.'

'I see the magazine as being primarily intended for the membership of the Movement (and hopefully increasing numbers are buying it). Of course it is passed around extensively outside and it is important to keep up high standards so that we present a good image.'

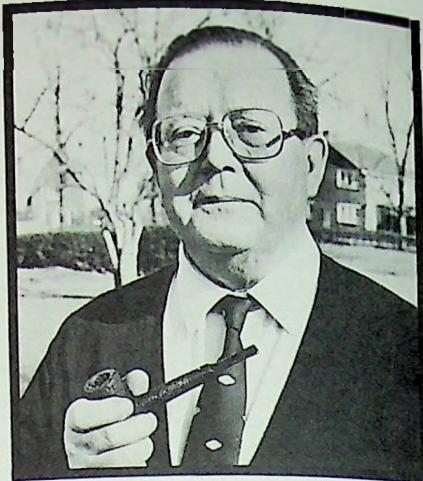
All good wishes go to Frank in his new job, and also to Scott Shaw and Sue Gardner who will work with Frank in the combined Editorial and Public Relations Department. Here they are pictured with Frank below.

Can yer ride tandem?



'He led his regiment from behind —
He found it less exciting

Photos: Maurice Cousins



Financial Policy

From the Director, Ken Prideaux-Brunne

The meeting of Regional Chairmen and Treasurers and members of the Central Executive, held in London on 26 February, issued a call to all members of Toc H to raise an Extension Fund to sustain and develop the expansion of the Movement.

We examined in detail all aspects of the finances of Toc H. A number of cuts have been made in both regional and national expenditure and we will continue to look for possible savings. The re-organisation of the Editorial and Public Relations Departments at Wendover has enabled us to save one and a half salaries and an outside team will shortly be looking at the possibility of other savings at Headquarters. The only way of making substantial reductions in expenditure is to employ fewer staff.

We were all quite clear that for the Movement to be forced to make drastic cuts in field staff at this time would be tragic. In all parts of the country there are increasing signs of a new impetus. New people are coming into the Movement. New groups are being formed. There is a new mood of confidence and buoyancy and a clearer realisation of the contribution which Toc H can make in today's world. If this momentum is lost now it will not easily be regained. The opportunities facing the Movement now are greater than they have been for many years. To fail to take those opportunities would be a betrayal of all that we claim to stand for.

We concluded, therefore, that we must accept the estimates for the 1977/78 financial year, with the anticipated deficit of £170,000, and that during the coming 12 months we must do everything we can to reduce the deficit by raising our income. The Family Purse is not just the means of meeting the cost of routine administration. It provides the money which makes possible the expansion of the Movement. It is, in fact, an Extension Fund.

The figures show that many of us have been enjoying our Toc H on the

cheap. Prices and wages have increased enormously in the last few years but our giving has not kept pace. Toc H actually costs £35 per head per year to run, but if each of us was to give just one day's pay to Toc H each year the picture would be very different. And if more of us were to sign a Deed of Covenant (only 2,000 have done so at present) Toc H would receive another 54p for every pound we give.

We must, then, look more realistically at our own giving. We must also seek more support from the general public. If we are convinced about the importance of the work which Toc H does and the relevance of the way of life it tries to demonstrate we will not find it difficult to convince others that we are worthy of support. The success of our Jubilee Appeal is an indication of the kind of money that can be raised; and many local fund-raising efforts, some of them in happy co-operation with other charities, have demonstrated the willingness of people to support Toc H financially. The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal provides us with particular opportunities this year.

We cannot continue to sustain deficits of the order of £170,000. If we do not significantly increase our income then we shall have to make substantial cuts in our expenditure and accept the consequent reduction in the opportunities to expand Toc H. Some will say that to accept a projected deficit of this size is crass folly and that to believe that our income can be increased is to live in cloud-cuckoo land. Those who were at the meeting on 26 February are confident that the membership as a whole is convinced of the need for Toc H to continue to grow and will respond to the challenge to provide the funds needed for extension. Only you can show which view is correct.

The matter is urgent. Those of us who believe that Toc H is presented with opportunities which *must* be seized have to start creating an Extension Fund now.

PROBE

Central Council Study Question No 4

How far are we strangled by structure? If all Councils and Executives at Central, Regional and District level ceased to operate would it make any difference to the future of Toc H? What kind of structure can help a fellowship to develop and grow?

The two Central Council groups discussing this question adopted different approaches but reached broadly the same end points. Whether they analysed existing structures or started from scratch to build a new Movement, they finished with something like the existing structure — though more flexible.

They suggested that Toc H needs little formal organisation since we can rely on a high sense of responsibility to stave off anarchy. While the existing structure is needed to some extent, it might be more effective at some levels if it were less rigid. For example, not all Districts need to have office holders or to meet regularly.

A new Toc H Movement would need local meeting points and would need to throw up leaders at all levels of activity. This would inevitably produce 'structures' to clarify objectives and bring about greater commitment and impact.

All human experience underlines our need for structures or patterns of organisation. They give us the stability and security without which we cannot operate effectively.

Regionalisation is at present confusing many people and tends to blunt the edge of direction and purpose. We should try to move away from the hierarchical pattern (which tends to be rigid), towards a more flexible structure which could formulate general objectives and encourage leadership at all levels.

FAITH TO LIVE BY

Please note that Bob Knight's weekend, 'Faith to live by', at Port Penrhyn is from October 14-16.

DOR KNAP OPEN DAY

There will be no Open Day at Dor Knap on Spring Bank Holiday Monday this year, 6 June. It is envisaged that as this is the Queen's Silver Jubilee year most people will be involved in their own local celebrations during the Bank Holiday. Instead Dor Knap will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 3 September. Details can be obtained from the Warden.

PLEASE NOTE

POINT THREE INDEXES

Indexes for 1976 copies of *Point Three* are now available, price 10p, from the Editorial Office, 1 Forest Close, Wendover.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Church Hostel, Bangor

Sunday 10 July- Saturday 16 July

Speaker: Frank Rice

'I know where I'm going . . .'

Further information from Cyril Carrier, 367 Hungerford Road, Crewe, Cheshire. tel: 0270 582870

POSTCARDS

Postcards of Tubby's effigy in All Hallows Church are now available from the Toc H Publications Department, Wendover, in packets of ten. 70p per packet, including postage. Cash with order please.

Taking off in the North

Toc H is taking off in the North West in a big way: 12 months ago there were two youth action groups, now there are eight. Admittedly very new, some very young, but undoubtedly dynamic. Many of their members have demonstrated a commitment, both in service and friendship, of which any Toc H branch would be proud. All from very different backgrounds, the groups have made a point of meeting up with each other and have derived considerable strength from supporting each other on various projects.



Photo: Lancashire Evening Telegraph

EAST LANCS

The East Lancs Youth Action Group originated in 1974 from a bunch of kids who were given a holiday at the Rhyl Centre by the East Lancs and Pendle District. The kids decided to stay together and do some work; three years later there's a firm

core of eight Toc H members plus a dozen more aged 13-15, who are too young to join the Movement. They run a regular play group for mentally handicapped children at Calderstones Hospital, Whalley, also a monthly disco at Hargreaves House, Oswaldtwistle. They're hoping to take



RUNCORN

Formed a year ago after a young people's weekend at Alison House; now 20 strong with 15 registered Toc H members. One of the Mums acts as secretary. A year ago they had never heard of Toc H, now they are fully integrated into the life of the District, and several of them have been away on projects. Now launching a much needed community programme to assist the old and lonely in Runcorn Old Town,

part in the 'Britain in Bloom' competition, and one of their number, Gwen Hunter, has been elected onto the Hyndburn Silver Jubilee Planning Committee. Picture above shows the group with residents of Lyndon House, an old people's sheltered housing complex in Great Harwood.

ECCLES

The Crossfields Estate Group, Eccles, is really a neighbourhood group but joins in with the other youth action activities. The group owes much to Bill and Gert Bull, two local residents, who met Toc H during last summer's Crossfields playscheme. The playscheme produced an ecstatic response from parents, one of whom described the estate as 'one of those places built in the middle of nowhere, without shops, church, school, which the council tends to forget exists'. The group is breaking new ground in the area by running a weekly disco for 10-16 year-olds at the Nag's Head; it also plans to take some of the older children to Port Penrhyn for a week's holiday in July. The group now has ten registered Toc H members, ranging from the Bull parents to their 17 year-old daughter, Jane, and her friends. Picture shows Bill and Gert Bull (centre) with others at the Nag's Head weekly disco.



Photo: Islam Guardian

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Photos: Francis Edwards



an area which is poorly provided with social facilities. In early January they held a most successful party for the elderly, and have now started a bingo club at the Wickston Drive Ecumenical Centre. Pictures above show: group chairman, Andrea Morrall, at the party; Martin Lunby, treasurer, with Chris Davies on a working weekend at Port Penrhyn. Warrington Youth Action Group and Gladstone House residents went also.

PRESTON

Comprising a teacher, postman, students, and a seagoing radio operator, the group was initially sponsored by Preston Women's Branch. Activities include decorating, visiting children in St Anne's, and geriatric patients in Sharoe Green Hospital.

Two of the newest groups are

LIVERPOOL CENTRAL and NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.

Liverpool Central is mainly, but not exclusively, a group of students at the University or Polytechnic. It was set up recently on the initiative of Julia Murray, who met Toc H on a Mid-Eastern project last summer. The group numbers eight (including three Toc H members); their next venture will be to go to Port Penrhyn with some people who have been under mental stress, for a relaxing weekend.

Newcastle-under-Lyme is a younger group of 16-17 year-olds, just started with six girls who are planning to go to Port Penrhyn in July to help out with the children's holiday from Glenrothes. They also hope to organise a youth hostelling jamboree for other North Western youth members, in the autumn.



WARRINGTON

Mainly Lynton Grammar School sixth formers. The group started last September, is now up to 20 with ten registered Toc H members, and is busy recruiting to ensure its continuity. Several members plan to go away to college next autumn but are determined to continue group activities in the vacs. Currently they are running a disco at the school, visit hospitals and have given a concert at Thelwall Grange Hospital. Plans include expanding the range of their musical entertainment, taking part in Warrington's Jubilee Pageant on 4 June, and making sporting links with several Approved Schools in the area. In February they challenged the borstal Chageley Hall to a football match. Warrington often liaise with Runcorn to raise funds: most notable effort was the 30-mile sponsored run last October. Pictures show: (above) the group; (right) wet and warm!



SKELMERSDALE

Half a dozen schoolgirls, who were introduced to Toc H through weekend projects, have now formed a well-established little group. They are about to launch a weekly disco and they are seen here at their fundraising project, collecting old newspapers.



Photo: Ron Horsley Ltd

NEWSPOINT

PIN MONEY !

Photo: Bournemouth Evening Echo



News of the Southern Region's giant Knit-in is now reaching us and the grand total raised to date is £2,000! This is to be shared with Age Concern, who helped to organise the sponsored knit in February. Here (left): time for a good chat while knitting at the Toc H Centre, Iford, Christchurch. Mrs Harris (left), Mrs Pusey, Mrs Kingswell, who is blind. One of the best things about the Knit-in was the chance to meet and make new friends. More details next month.

Photo: Colin Mombor AIIP, MMPA



Photo: Karl Tietz, Army PR Section, Berlin



The Bürgermeister of Spandau, Dr Herbert Kleusberg, on a visit to the Toc H Services Club, Berlin. Dr Kleusberg, pictured (right) receiving a tie and cuff-links from warden Angus Laing, has taken a great interest in Toc H. Last year he was awarded the OBE for promoting Anglo-German relations.

Toytyme at Shirehampton! The branch has a great way of raising money: members collect old toys throughout the year and repair them in time for their annual sale just before Christmas. Last year they made £100, most of which will be used to buy curtains for an old people's home. After the sale, some of the larger items were given to a toy library at Hortham mental hospital.

ALONG WAY BEHIND THE RIFLE

Keith Rea, Toc H Commissioner in BAOR and Chairman of the Council of Voluntary Welfare Work, comments on the Spencer Report on Army Welfare.

‘...A senior chaplain told us that in his view BAOR was the Army’s flash point. As an example, he mentioned that there were 981 teenage Army wives and mothers there, many of whose husbands spent long periods in Northern Ireland on unaccompanied duty.

‘We found there a combination of vulnerable young families living in a strange land, many of them in high rise flats at some distance from their unit locations and often without the head of the family, and too few social workers operating without back-up services available in the United Kingdom. This particularly struck us as a recipe for social distress....’

So runs an extract from the Army Welfare Inquiry Report written by a team chaired by Professor J C Spencer of Bristol University. Although recommendations made in the report referred to Forces Welfare in Britain, many of them could be said to point to needs in BAOR. The body of the report contains a mine of surveyed information on the problems of Forces families and single men in the British Garrisons of Europe.

Sadly the impact of what Spencer says has had a poor press and the financial situation means that many of the recommendations will not be met. But as you will have read in February *Point Three*, SSAFA will benefit if they can find the social workers.

However, the report provides a focus on problems which can be tackled without Government money and it is helpful to the work of the Council of Voluntary Welfare Work, the body through which Toc H carries on its work with the Forces. Here I quote but two of 72 recommendations:

‘9. The charter which the Council of Voluntary Welfare Work operate should be sympathetically reviewed with the aim of enabling them to continue providing their services in times of financial difficulty.’

‘20. Voluntary organisations should be invited to join in experiments in community development.’

The latter means that in pioneering playschemes in BAOR, Toc H was fulfilling its role as a frontier Movement and the appointment of a Development Officer Officer is obviously blessed by the Spencer Report.

It worries me that the price of the Report (£2.65 HMSO) seems a bar, even to those who should have the information to do their jobs. The recommendations are controversial and the document is of excellent, if disturbing, value.

Of course BAOR is a fair way off, so what other than prayers and support can members give? Well, remember Spencer refers to the UK. Again I quote:

‘Not surprisingly loneliness predominated in all married groups whether stationed in the United Kingdom or in BAOR.’

‘A Corporal’s wife told us: “Loneliness, it’s just something you have to overcome yourself. It’s part of Army life, but I didn’t realise we’d be separated to such an extent. I prefer my husband to be at home more than he is — we are not cut out for Army life.” ’

‘The figures show that families stationed in BAOR are more likely to have a friend to turn to than those living in the United Kingdom.’

Are Toc H members aware of this need for love?



Photo: West Lancs Evening Gazette

‘Last Tango’ in Thornton Cleveleys? In January the Deputy Mayor of the Wyre Borough dropped in on the Toc H/YMCA judo competition. Over £40 was raised for District project funds.

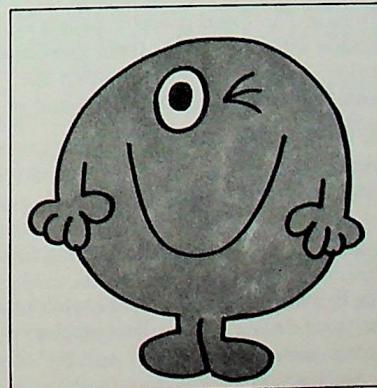


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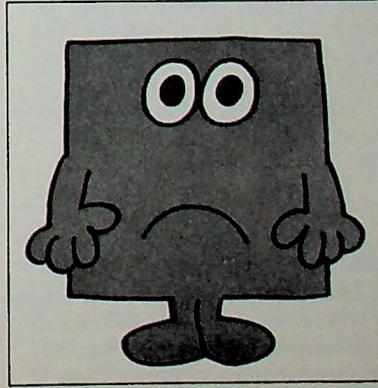
Flip it! Pancake time on Shrove Tuesday for Hackney Joint Branch and residents of Prideaux House. Over 50 members and friends packed the house for a grand ‘nosh up’ and howled at the comic spectacle of The Grand Pancake Competition. Highest marks were achieved by Jim Prendergast, who scored 150 revolutions in two minutes, and by a lady whose pancake regularly collided with the ceiling! Special thanks to Jim and Brian, the cooks, and to three local schoolgirls who staged an impromptu play of their own creation.

ARE YOU A ROUNDY OR A SQUARY?

We were going to give Roundy and Squary a break, but popular demand has brought them back again.



Roundies know how to wink.



Can you imagine a Squary winking?

LETTERS

Many have expressed concern about the closing of Warden Manor. The Director now gives his reply and the subject is now closed in these columns.

WARDEN MANOR

A lot of people are saddened by the news that Warden Manor has had to close. All of us must have wondered whether there was any possibility of Toc H seeking to take over the responsibility for the house. The fact is, however, that a very substantial sum of money would have to be spent on essential repairs and improvements. Toc H is in no position to spend the kind of money involved, particularly at a time when inflation is forcing us to look again at much of our current expenditure.

Holiday weeks of various kinds are of course part of the summer programme at both Dor Knap and Alison House. Warden Manor 'regulars' will find on these the depth of fellowship which means so much to them. I hope that they will support them and the regular programme of weekend activities at all our Centres throughout the year, as they have supported Warden Manor in the past.

Ken Prideaux-Brune
Director

SOUTH AFRICA

Warmest thanks and congratulations to last year's team from Britain which toured our country, to *Point Three*, to those who contributed reports and their impressions, and to Sue McWilliam for such a painstaking and acutely accurate sizing up of the 'confusion' in which our problems enmesh us, as generously set out in your December issue.

My claim, quite unofficial and unauthorised, to express the thanks of Toc H Southern Africa to *Point Three* and the British team for this splendid effort, is made only by virtue of my long anxious watch on Toc H policy and direction here since Harry Ellison brought me into the Family in 1926, in the subsequent years of my membership at the very heart of Toc H in Johannesburg, as editor for so many years of *The Compass*, and for even longer as a member of the Southern African Council and Executive.

In this Toc H 'career', I recall so well the struggle which some of us had year after year to convince the Movement as a whole that Toc H had no place for racial discrimination. Progress was desperately slow; often there were setbacks and disappointments. Even when eventually Toc H membership was thrown 'open to all' such non-White development as there was remained as something 'apart' – largely,

one would agree, because of the maze of laws and regulations enacted by the Government and other authorities which made crossing the colour line an almost insuperable obstacle. South Africa as a nation is still far from breaking down apartheid, but it is now my sincere belief that at least Toc H here is on the right road, doing all it can.

Until about two years ago, I freely confess, even though the doors had been opened wider as far as Toc H itself was concerned, I was extremely despondent that the Movement in South Africa could fulfil its proper destiny of bridging the racial gulf. I recalled that Harry Ellison had seen Toc H as 'tailored for South Africa' and that other subsequent full-time staff from England had endorsed this view, notably Owen Watkins. This belief is still so true.

But now our British visitors have done two most notable things, more especially Geoff Taylor in his positively brilliantly written impressions. One is that he, as well as Sue Pottle and Liz Taylor, have so accurately unveiled the whole picture of Southern African problems. They have seen (thanks to the excellent arrangements of Toc H here) the South Africa that few overseas visitors are privileged, permitted, or at least given guidance, to see. As observers of the facts, the difficulties and dilemmas which daily cross our lives, they have been equally brilliant. Their second achievement, even more important than the first, is that they have shown all South Africans as they really do appear to the outside world, warts and all.

The pity is that there cannot be a wider readership out here of the articles, and especially the impressions of Geoff Taylor. In an effort to correct this in a small way, my old paper, the *Evening Post* of Port Elizabeth, has readily agreed to republish Geoff Taylor's article. It is to appear this week. But I would suggest Forest Close also approaches my friend, Stanley Uys, now in charge of the SA Associated Newspapers Bureau in London, as well as *The Argus* group of papers at its London office, and offer them also Geoff Taylor's article. I think it stands a fair chance of acceptance, and this would be greatly to the good.

Eric Tucker
Port Elizabeth, South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA

Toc H South Africa is indeed grateful for the space devoted in the December 1976 issue to aspects of the UK members' tour in August/September. The articles contributed by Cyril Cattell, Geoff and Liz Taylor and Sue Pottle, not forgetting Dilys

Saffin's 'thank you' letter, were the mixture of well expressed opinion and comment that we had expected from our visitors.

Some of our members in South Africa may not agree fully with all that Geoff has written, but his forthright comments had to be set down if the tour was to be of value. Other members of the team may have had similar strong views. If so, we would very much like to hear from them.

South Africa is still of course a relatively young country, still in the throes of an industrial and agricultural revolution. England in the 19th and early 20th centuries had its extreme class distinctions, and the conditions of the underprivileged in those days were also deplorable. In recent times the way of life of the underprivileged in South Africa has probably improved more rapidly than in any other developing country, where emancipation has not necessarily improved the lot of the majority.

Finally a word of thanks for the Editorial comment under the heading of Viewpoint, which so thoughtfully brought our problems into perspective and ended with such an encouraging message.

Alec Bullivant
Hon Administrator, Toc H South Africa

MORE EXTENSION

We hear that there are plans afoot to extend Toc H in South Wales at both Abergavenny and Pontypool. If you know of someone in these areas who would like to know about Toc H, please contact for Abergavenny: John Mitchell, Kyre House, Edde Cross Street, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire; and for Pontypool: Gill Westwood, 30 Cenydd Terrace, Senghenydd, Caerphilly, Mid Glam.

DIMENSIONS

Like Donald Lockhart, I have never before had occasion to write a letter to the Editor of *Point Three*; however, his criticisms of my article 'When is Welfare not Welfare?', contained in the first issue of *Dimensions*, call for a reply.

The central criticism made is that the article is full of 'misleading statements and untruths'. I would suggest that, on the contrary, the article is full of facts, all of which are capable of verification by looking at the regulations governing the issue of welfare benefits by the Department of Health and Social Security. The new Employment Act may go some way towards protecting employees from unscrupulous employers, but it does not alter the fact that a man on strike can re-

ceive no benefits of any kind for himself, and only Supplementary Benefit for his wife and children; or that in a judgement of Industrial Misconduct, the DHSS may accept 'hearsay evidence' from an employer, contrary to the legal traditions of this country. Is it also an untruth that the middle classes are in favour of the means test? If so, I am delighted to hear it. But the means test is still with us, and I am unaware of any mass demand from the middle classes for its abolition. It certainly does not exist for the benefit of the less well off!

It is also suggested that the article is divisive. In case Donald Lockhart had not noticed, the divisions are already there — between rich and poor, the 'haves' and the 'have nots'. Only the other day, we heard of the Vice President of the United States and his 'entourage' being entertained by the Prime Minister with glasses of brandy at £100 per bottle! One can choose either to pretend the divisions do not exist, or acknowledge their existence and attempt to do something about them. I prefer the latter course, but which does Donald Lockhart prefer?

My so-called 'gospel of bitterness' rarely needs preaching to the people I meet as a Probation Officer, for they are most often the people who experience it first hand: prying questions into the amount of savings they have, the number of pairs of shoes or of coats they own, and even more intimate details of their private lives through the existence of the 'Cohabitation rule'. They are the ones who are forced to sell their labour to live, and perform humdrum, thankless tasks with little or no say in the decision-making process of their place of work. (Hopefully, on this front at least, there will be some change with the recent publication of the Bullock Report on industrial democracy).

It is stated quite clearly at the end of the Winter 1977 edition that while *Dimensions* owes a debt to Toc H, it is an 'independent publication'. I am grateful that it does exist and allows views such as my own to be included, for that is what 'thinking fairly' is all about. Hopefully, by exposing the barriers that divide man from man, bridges can be built across them and thereby communications established which will foster change in the direction of reconciliation.

Richard Green
Leicester

(Editor's note: The April issue of 'Dimensions' will include an article by Martin Wenham entitled 'It's Your Move' which is directly related to the implications of Fairmindedness.)

DEMON DRINK

I very much appreciate the way in which *Point Three* shows the vitality of the young — of all ages! — in Toc H. But I was distressed to see some of that vitality used in an advertisement for an alcoholic drink on the cover of the February issue. The fact that the two young men are fine specimens doing a good turn, makes it all the worse, for it gives the impression that youth, health, good works and 'drinking' go together, and Toc H is ready to encourage them all!

Doubtless, Colin and Michael like many others of their age group take alcohol only in moderation. But there is increasing social and commercial pressure on young people to drink. They are starting at an early age and more are becoming alcoholics. There are more drink-related accidents, and violence and the nation's drink bill goes up while its productivity goes down.

The first 'Everyman's Club' was 'dry', and there was fellowship and laughter and caring there. Please go on promoting that spirit, not the other kind!

Alison Jones
Chippenham, Wilts

INSIGHT

The Resurrection of Jesus

I have just read Dr Paul Badham's article in the January *Point Three* about the resurrection of Jesus. Some of it was valuable especially the 'Fact of History' section, but I write to disagree strongly about what he says on the subject of the nature of the resurrection especially with regard to the 'Two Traditions' theory.

By going through the Scriptures with a fine tooth comb he has isolated some texts which do not refer to the empty tomb, and implies that the resurrection was essentially a 'spiritual' experience, saying: 'My personal view is that the spiritual understanding of Jesus's resurrection is earlier than the empty tomb tradition, that it makes better sense and that it gives us firmer grounds for our future hope'.

Now the fact that the earlier documents do not assert that the tomb was empty is no grounds for saying that it was not believed to be so by the early Christians. It is very unlikely that the corpse of Jesus lay in the tomb whilst the Apostles proclaimed his resurrection a few yards away in Jerusalem. The authorities could easily have refuted their claims by producing the body, but they couldn't.

Besides if Dr Badham is correct it means that the bones of Jesus lay somewhere in the Holy Land and this is very unlikely.

Besides for the Jews the human personality was a corporate whole including a material body; they had no concept of a spiritual personality apart from a human body.

It seems to me that the reason why the empty tomb was not referred to earlier, was not that it was a late invention but that it was taken for granted. It was asserted later, for the fact that it was, because Christians had doubts about the nature of the resurrection as St Paul shows in his first letter to the Corinthians chapter 15.

I must also disagree with what Dr Badham says because it undermines some very important aspects of the Christian faith. He seems to imply that there is an unbridgeable gulf between spiritual realities and the world of material things such as human bodies and quotes the prayer 'that when our bodies lie in the dust our souls may live with thee', in support of this idea. Now this prayer has long since been recognised as sub-Christian having more to do with Greek Mystery religions than with the religion of the Incarnation. Absolutely basic to the Christian faith is that all material things are good because God made them so. The fact that he took flesh of the Blessed Virgin Mary and became Man proclaims this loud and clear.

Material things are means of communicating spiritual realities. Our Lord's divinity shone through his human body at the transfiguration. At every Eucharist the material things of bread and wine are transformed and become the body and blood of Christ in order that we who partake of it may share the glory of his divinity. Likewise at his resurrection his human body was transformed and transfigured by the activities of the Holy Spirit and at his ascension he returned to the source of all created things, taking our humanity with him. He has become the firstborn of a new creation and by our baptism into him he calls us to share in his divine glory.

To deny the bodily resurrection of Jesus implies that there is something inherently evil in material things, and the Church, by inserting into the creed 'I believe in the Resurrection of the Body', has set her face against this error.

Finally the reference of St Paul in 1 Corinthians, chapter 15 verse 50 'Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God' refers to man's unregenerate fallen nature, not to those who are baptized into Christ our Incarnate God, for being in Christ means that the whole of our being is transfigured and made divine, not just our 'spirit'.

Stephen Weston
St Stephen's House, Oxford

LETTERS (cont)

POSITIVE THINKING

What an inspiring opening to 1977 was the January *Point Three!* With its stimulating report on the 'best in years' Central Council and the Director's challenging speech, the exhilarating 'Whoops Factor' article of John Hull's and the deeply convincing 'Insight' from the Rev Dr Paul Badham, it is an edition to read and re-read.

As a long-standing member of the Bordon Company, I was delighted, too, to see prayer made so positive and to feel that the Bordon Letter was now to be helpful to all readers.

Finally, thank you to Charles Potts for his letter using Our Lord's own words to prove how right was the decision of Central Council to 'go forward in a venture of faith' and to use our resources today while we still have the opportunity. 'Lay not up for yourselves treasure on earth' reminds us also of the need to use all our resources here and now in Christ's service.

Aileen Broadley
Northallerton, North Yorks

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Carol Smith's meditation printed in the February edition of *Point Three* is one of those insights that are all too rare in this organised chaos that is synonymous with our civilisation today: so much wisdom, so much reality, and so much true Christianity that goes deeper than any denominational differences.

The crux of the meditation is contained in the last six words, ie 'the Kingdom of Heaven is within'.

Yes, within ourselves.

God (or the Kingdom of Heaven) is not a vague entity floating in a celestial cloud, but a reality who is immanent in each individual. If we ignore or forget that fact then all our efforts to further the work of Toc H become suspect.

It is an awesome responsibility we carry.

Frank Wootton
Hon Builder, Bakewell Branch, Derbyshire

SSAFA

Clacton Branch of Toc H were interested to read the report of the work of SSAFA by Alison Barnes in February's *Point Three*, particularly as it has had close association with that body over the past 40 odd years through two of its members.

It was in the mid-Thirties that SSAFA appealed to the branch for help in finding a Divisional Secretary to cover part of North East Essex comprising five

towns and 11 villages. The call was answered by the late Freddie Lock, a founder member of the branch, who held the post until 15 years ago when failing health forced him to persuade me to take over.

Most of the work is confidential so one works alone. The cases are many and varied often touching the extremes of human problems. In the Clacton Division we average some 70 cases a year, but there is no doubt as to the appreciation shown by those helped.

Then too are the quarterly County meetings of SSAFA workers, a grand bunch of dedicated workers. The whole, a typically Toc H job, and one which I thoroughly enjoy.

W H Boyd
Clacton-on-Sea, Essex

PADRE 'BOBS' FORD

It was with great regret that I read the announcement of the death of Padre 'Bobs' Ford in the last issue of *Point Three*. I couldn't let the occasion pass without paying this tribute to one for whom I had the greatest admiration. 'Bobs' was one of the kindest men I have ever known and in his company one was immediately at ease. He had infinite time for anyone with a problem, and without one too! He seemed to carry round with him a sense of peace and calm wherever he went. It was a sad day for Toc H when he ceased to be Administrative Padre; leaders of his gentle calibre are few and far between. I have never ceased to be thankful that I knew him.

Les Wheatley
Cirencester, Glos

TOC H ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

The other evening, I attended a Parents' Association meeting at a local school, where 15 of the boys have formed a branch of Amnesty International. I was struck by the fact that to form a branch, not only had they to write letters pleading for their adoptees, incurring about £2 postage each week, but they had to undertake to send at least £100 each year to the HQ of the organisation. It would be sad to see Toc H's principle of self-assessment set aside, but I do think a case could be made out for a re-introduction of an annual subscription, say £1 per head, or 50p for elderly or handicapped members.

Many members do pay much more than the £5 a year we were asked to contribute, and many branches have an income of more than £5 per head. But their overheads swallow it up in these inflationary times, and the Districts and the

Regions need their share. What is needed to pay our staff is £5 per head actually reaching HQ. The interest on the 'magic' £2 million proceeds of the sale of the Tower Hill building, which so many people think HQ should live on, seems only about enough to cover the difference between current income and current expenditure.

This plea for more realistic self-assessment will never reach some branches, however, as I know that there are some which never take a single copy of *Point Three*, and some do not have meeting places outside each other's homes. As a result, the number of people at a meeting is limited by the size of an average sitting room. These branches often do much good work, but are stifling their own growth as guests cannot be freely invited. I also hope that young people's branches or groups are urged to raise money for HQ, not just for their own projects.

These are my own personal views. I expect they will cause arguments!

Pat Ingham
Twickenham, Middlesex

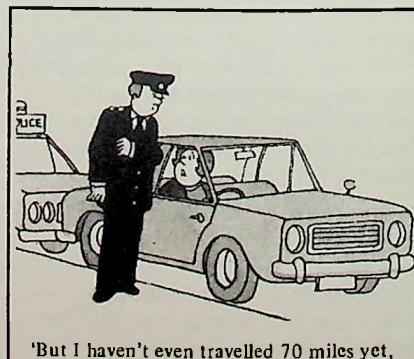
NO MORE SPECS Toc H floods Indian market

I have just heard that our chief outlet, Vellore Hospital, South India, is now overwhelmed with our old spectacles and can take no more for months to come. Owing to freight charges it's impossible to send to the African countries and as we can find no other outlets we are closing down. So, everybody, please do not send us any more specs.

Six cases did go to Vellore last week and ten chests to the Zambian offices in London who eventually agreed to pay the air-freight.

We would like to thank all those branches who collected for us and especially the Yorkshire area with their many thousands, many times.

Peter Pashley
North Walsham Branch Secretary, Norfolk



'But I haven't even travelled 70 miles yet, so I can't have been travelling at 75 mph!'

BE STILL then....

From Headquarters Padre John Hull

It is encouraging to know that more people are joining us in their thoughts and prayers at 10.25 each day. If there are any particular requests for intercessions, I will be happy to receive them. Meanwhile, may I ask you to add to your prayers on 28th of the month (when we remember especially Toc H in the Southern Region) the work in Gingerbread House at Southampton. The work is very much involved with restoring family life to those marriages that have broken down,

particularly for the children. (Further information can be obtained from Rev Bob Knight at Winchester).

Toc H in South Wales have reminded us that we ought to pray for them, too. We do apologise sincerely for leaving them off the list which appeared in January *Point Three*. In fact, we do remember and pray for them on 4th of the month together with the West Midlands Region.

I urge you to consider the use of Quiet Days for branches, Districts or Regions. I believe there is a need for such

days and I am happy to say that some are being arranged in various parts of the country.

The daily Intercession list is not being printed in *Point Three* this time, but if you would like a copy, which gives the full list of names, please ask me.

May I recommend a new book by Harry Williams, entitled *Becoming what I am*; published by Darton Longman & Todd Ltd in paperback at £1.50.

We are very grateful to Penny Green for sharing her thoughts with us in what follows:

BORDON COMPANY LETTER Penny Green

'We are called to be instruments of God's Will'

Each time we share in the Ceremony of Light, these words are said on our behalf, but how often do we really grasp the enormity of their meaning?

'We are called to be instruments of God's will.' What a privilege and what a responsibility! Why did He call me? What on earth have I to offer? How can my insignificant actions be instrumental in God's pattern for the world? Yet this is what we believe, and this is the foundation of our Movement, indeed of our Christian faith: that every one of us has a vital role to play; we are all essential limbs and organs in the body of life; and our every word and action will affect the lives of those around us and thus affect the world in which we live.

To be instruments of God's will, though, we must know what God's will is. A daily discipline of Bible reading and prayer helps us to know and understand His will for us. I find I can never remind myself too often how essential are my daily quiet times. I sometimes have to exert considerable self-control to ignore the numerous things which are crying out to be done. I have to consciously tell myself that the dusting and the ironing are really far less important than 'being still' for a little more than just one moment. And I find I am helped in this by the sure knowledge that somewhere, someone else is sharing my quiet time, that our prayers are merging and our thoughts following the same direction.

Thought from the Toc H Leisure Weekend held at Dor Knap last November:

We all need a mind transfusion; there is too much stagnant thought. Many of us are 'up to our neck in Toc H'; what we forget is that we need the bit above the neck as well. The man who talks about nothing but Toc H is a perfect bore.

Even when we have successfully overcome this problem, and 'made the time' we need, it is still all too easy to do all the talking ourselves and then to shut off our minds just at the time we should be starting to listen. As William Temple once wrote: 'All prayer comes back to the perpetual widening and deepening of our offering of ourselves in God's service. It is not asking Him to do something for us, it is asking Him to use us to do something for Him'. And so God often answers our prayers by giving us the opportunity to find the answer ourselves.

So, we need to listen, to hear and to understand, but once we have heard and understood, then we must act. An instrument which is kept in its case and never used is not only wasted, it also gradually becomes warped and useless. And when we act, we must do so with confidence. 'Go forth in faith': the words trip lightly off our lips, but few of us really have the courage to take them literally. I love the words quoted by King George VI at Christmas 1939: 'I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the

unknown". And he replied "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".

Obviously this confidence grows gradually; as we move one foot forward, so we can lift the other and take a second step. But until we move the first foot, until we have enough courage to step out into the darkness, we will never find the way ahead.

Often when I begin to feel unsure of my direction and purpose, my lips involuntarily form the prayer 'Lord I believe, help thou my unbelief'. My faith goes so far, then falters, and it takes a deliberate effort to carry on. Yet I am sure that each time this happens my store of faith is increased, and the growing process continues.

I am convinced that Toc H has a valuable role to play in the future. I feel as though we are on the verge of a renewed wave of enthusiasm and real commitment, but I am equally sure that this will only be achieved if we continue to say 'not our will but Thine, Lord', and if we actively strive to be useful instruments of that Will.

BOOK REVIEW

THE DIVINE URGE

by Guy Brinkworth SJ

Mater Dei Press, St Augustine's Abbey, Ramsgate, Kent. — Price 80p

This book includes 23 meditations with one general concern — 'the divine urge to share' — and many insights of value to us in Toc H.

Father Brinkworth's theme is 'sharing' and he uses the vertical and horizontal limbs of the Cross as symbols of the two way sharing of the Christian life. In trying to follow Christ, we aim at a vertical relationship with God (through His gifts and our prayers) and this demands expression in a horizontal relationship with others. When our good works spring from faith, trust and love, they and we can survive disappointments and the

ingratitude of friends: Jesus, after all, went on loving and sharing even to the Cross.

I found all these meditations both moving and thought provoking but I have repeatedly gone back to one of them. It is the meditation on 'sharing among ourselves' — particularly those sections on 'encouragement' and 'enthusiasm'. A colleague used one of these recently at a Dor Knap devotional session: the thoughts were so apt that they went home to us all.

This is a book to buy, to use and to share.

Frank Rice

TOC H GOES TOPLESS!

No, we haven't lost our heads but it does make an intriguing advertisement for summer projects.

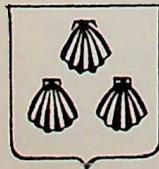
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